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EVENT: Sentencing

Defendant: Stuart W. Bilyeu

ANN ARBOR DOCTOR SENTENCED

An Ann Arbor resident was sentenced today on a drug charge stemming from the operation of his medical practice, United States Attorney Stephen J. Murphy announced today.

Stuart W. Bilyeu, D.O., 45, a resident of Ann Arbor, Michigan, was sentenced by United States District Judge Robert H. Cleland to a term of imprisonment of five years, to be followed by a three year term of supervised release.

Dr. Bilyeu pleaded guilty in April 2006 to one count of Illegal Distribution of Schedule III prescription drug controlled substances. The offense arose from the operation of the defendant's medical practice in Taylor and Detroit during 2003-2005. At his guilty plea, the defendant admitted that he illegally prescribed over 60,000 dosage units of Schedule II, III and IV prescription drugs.

In a sentencing memorandum filed before sentencing, the government noted that "drug dealing by a licensed medical professional is a particularly serious offense." In addition, prescription drug abuse is currently the fastest- growing drug threat. The defendant's criminal

conduct was not isolated or sporadic, but instead involved a continuous pattern of illegal conduct over approximately 18 months.

In imposing the maximum possible sentence for this offense, Judge Cleland stated that the defendant had “profited from repeated criminal behavior over the course of years.” Dr. Bilyeu “betrayed the public trust and put patients at risk.”

“The illegal prescribing of controlled substances by medical professionals appears to be increasing in the metro Detroit area. Those doctors who seek to profit from the rising demand for illegal prescription drugs should know that they are risking more than their medical license,” said United States Attorney Murphy. “Doctors who endanger the public for personal gain can expect to serve substantial time in prison.”

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Wayne F. Pratt, and the investigation was jointly conducted by the Drug Enforcement Administration and the Federal Bureau of Investigation, with assistance from the National Drug Intelligence Center.